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Provisional annotated agenda and organization of work

For the 2000 annual session of the Executive Board to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 22 to 26 May 2000

Summary

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda for the 2000 annual session of the Executive Board. The annex contains the proposed timetable and organization of work for the session.

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Annotated provisional agenda

1. **Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director**

Introductory statements will be made by the President and the Executive Director.

2. **Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work**

[*For action — E/ICEF/2000/9*]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, in particular the programme of work for 2000 adopted by the Executive Board at its second regular session in September 1999 (E/ICEF/1999/7/Rev.1, decision 1999/19). The proposed timetable and organization of work, which has been shared with the Bureau (CF/EB/2000/026 of 25 April 2000), is contained in the annex.

Decisions will be adopted as the discussion of each agenda item is concluded. However, if required, time will be set aside for Board members to consult informally on all outstanding draft decisions.

3. **Report of the Executive Director (Part II)**

[*For information — E/ICEF/2000/4 (Part II)*]

This is the second annual report of the Executive Director on progress towards achieving the organizational priorities of the medium-term plan for 1998-2001 (E/ICEF/1998/13 and Corr.1), as requested by the Executive Board at its first regular session of 1999 (E/ICEF/1999/7/Rev.1, decision 1999/7). It is the first time, however, that part II of the Executive Director's annual report has included revised elements in accordance with the same decision. The report also reviews progress made in the implementation of decision 1999/8 on the resource mobilization strategy.

4. **Emerging issues for children in the twenty-first century**

[*For information — E/ICEF/2000/13*]

In resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999, the General Assembly called upon UNICEF to assist in the process of preparation for its special session in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children. The same resolution requested the Secretary-General, with UNICEF support, to assist the preparatory committee in providing substantive input to the process, including a report on emerging issues. This report analyses emerging issues for children in the twenty-first century and makes proposals for future action for children.

The Executive Director wishes to draw the attention of the Executive Board to this report, which is presented for information. The views of the Board will be transmitted to the preparatory committee of the special session as a conference room paper, for information, at its substantive session to be held from 30 May to 2 June 2000.

5. **Follow-up to the World Summit for Children**

[For action — E/ICEF/2000/11]

At its 1999 annual session, the Executive Board requested the Executive Director to report on the implementation of decision 1999/9 on follow-up to the World Summit for Children. This is the ninth annual report on progress towards achieving the World Summit goals. It presents an overall picture of global trends and outlines the processes put in place for the end-decade review, which will take place in 2001. The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft recommendation contained in the report.

6. **United Nations General Assembly special session 2001**

The Executive Board will consider the following under this agenda item:

(a) Oral report on UNGASS 2001

At its second regular session in September 1999, the Executive Board decided to include this item on the agenda of the present session (decision 1999/19).

(b) Activities and budget for UNICEF secretariat support to UNGASS 2001 and additional events

[For action — E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.2]

The Executive Director presented a report to the Board at its September 1999 session describing UNICEF support for the follow-up to the World Summit for Children since 1990 and the initial support needed for the end-decade review and the preparatory process of the General Assembly special session in 2001 (E/ICEF/1999/17). At that time, the Board approved $2 million from other resources to initiate the process (decision 1999/12).

This report outlines how UNICEF has started and will continue to support the preparatory process, including the preparatory committee and its bureau. The decision to be made by the Executive Board on the basis of this report is the adoption of the draft resolution relating to the budget proposal to cover the current phase of substantive, technical and advocacy activities in preparation for the special session.

7. **Summary of mid-term reviews and major evaluations of country programmes**

[For information — E/ICEF/2000/P/L.20-E/ICEF/2000/P/L.26]

These reports were prepared in response to Executive Board decision 1995/8 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1), adopted at the first regular session of 1995, in which the secretariat was requested to submit to the Board a summary of the outcome of MTRs and major country programme evaluations, specifying, *inter alia*, the results achieved, lessons learned and the need for any adjustment in the country note.

The reports cover the following regions: Eastern and Southern Africa (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.20); West and Central Africa (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.21); Americas and the Caribbean (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.22); East Asia and the Pacific (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.23); South Asia (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.24); Middle East and North Africa (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.25); and Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.26).

Following introductory statements on the MTRs by the Director, Programme Division, and on the major evaluations by the Director of the Evaluation, Policy and Planning Division, each regional director will provide a brief summary of the MTRs and major evaluations in his/her region.

8. UNICEF core corporate commitments in emergencies

[*For information — E/ICEF/2000/12*]

This report responds to Executive Board decision 1997/7 (E/ICEF/1997/12/Rev.1) on "Children and women in emergencies: strategic priorities and operational concerns for UNICEF" (E/ICEF/1997/7), which was adopted at its first regular session of 1997. In that decision, the Executive Director was requested to report back to the Board on the experiences gained through the approach and guidelines set out in the report. The Board may wish to comment on the report and provide guidance to the secretariat, as necessary.

9. Proposed modifications to the budget process

[*For action — E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.3*]

In its decision 2000/3 (E/ICEF/2000/8 (Part I)) on the multi-year funding framework (E/ICEF/2000/5), adopted at its first regular session of 2000, the Executive Board requested the Executive Director to submit the proposed modifications to the budget process to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for its review and comments, for submission to the present Board session. This report responds to that request, describing the constraints in the existing budget process. The decision to be made by the Executive Board on the basis of this report is the adoption of the draft recommendation on the proposed modifications to the budget process.

The Board will also have before it for review the report of the Advisory Committee on this document (E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.4).

10. UNICEF Maurice Pate Award for 2000

[*For action — E/ICEF/2000/10*]

The Executive Director has made a recommendation, endorsed by the Bureau after examination of the nominations submitted, for the recipient of the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award for 2000 for Board approval.

11. Reports on field visits of Executive Board members

[*For information — E/ICEF/2000/CRP.5 and E/ICEF/2000/CRP.6*]

Selected by their respective regional groups, a team of Executive Board members visited Ghana and Namibia (5-18 March 2000) in the West and Central and Eastern and Southern Africa regions, and another team visited China (19 March-1 April 2000) in the East Asia and Pacific region to observe UNICEF programme activities in the field. Each team will present its report on the field visits.

12. Other matters

The Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds timely and appropriate under this agenda item.

13. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the 2000 annual session of the Executive Board, 22-26 May*

Monday, 22 May	a.m.	*Item 1*	Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director
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		Item 3	Report of the Executive Director (Part II)
	p.m.	*Item 3 (cont'd)*	Report of the Executive Director (Part II) (*continued*)
Tuesday, 23 May	a.m. and p.m.	*Item 7*	Summary of MTRs and major evaluations of country programmes
Wednesday, 24 May	a.m.	*Item 8*	UNICEF core corporate commitments in emergencies
	p.m.	*Item 5*	Follow-up to the World Summit for Children
Thursday, 25 May	a.m.	*Item 4*	Emerging issues for children in the twenty-first century
	p.m.	*Item 6*	UNGASS 2001:
			(a) Oral report on UNGASS 2001
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Friday, 26 May	a.m.	*Item 9*	Proposed modifications to the budget process
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* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item on the agenda will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.